IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the Application of: Mitsuaki HORI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2826

Serial No.: 10/662,384

Examiner: Ahmed N. Sefer

Filed: September 16, 2003

Confirmation Number: 2168

For:

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, MANUFACTURE AND

EVALUATION METHODS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE,

AND PROCESS CONDITION EVALUATION METHOD

Attorney Docket Number:

031111

Customer Number: 38834

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 February 21, 2006

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.